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BY JOCHUM

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to requirements for licensees under the purview
- of the dental board relating to orthodontia services.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **153.24 Orthodontia-related** 2 services.
- 3 1. A licensee under the purview of the board who provides
- 4 treatment for the correction of malpositions of human teeth
- 5 or the initial use of orthodontic appliances shall not begin
- 6 orthodontic treatment on a new patient unless one of the
- 7 following conditions is met:
- 8 a. The licensee performs an initial in-person or
- 9 teledentistry examination of the teeth and supporting
- 10 structures of the new patient prior to beginning orthodontic
- 11 treatment.
- 12 b. The new patient provides the licensee with a record of
- 13 completion within the prior two-year period of an in-person
- 14 or teledentistry examination of the teeth and supporting
- 15 structures of the new patient prior to the licensee beginning
- 16 orthodontic treatment.
- 17 2. The in-person examination required pursuant to
- 18 subsection 1 shall include any appropriate conventional or
- 19 digital radiographs that are necessary to develop a suitable
- 20 orthodontic diagnosis and treatment plan.
- 21 3. For the purposes of this section, "new patient" means a
- 22 person whom a licensee has not examined, for whom a licensee
- 23 has not provided care, or for whom a licensee has not otherwise
- 24 provided consultation during the two-year period immediately
- 25 prior to the patient's most recent appointment.
- 26 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 29 This bill prohibits a licensee under the purview of the
- 30 dental board who provides treatment for the correction of
- 31 malpositions of human teeth or the initial use of orthodontic
- 32 appliances from beginning orthodontic treatment on a new
- 33 patient unless either the licensee performs an initial
- 34 in-person or teledentistry examination of the teeth and
- 35 supporting structures of the new patient prior to beginning

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- 1 orthodontic treatment, or the new patient provides the licensee
- 2 with a record of completion within the prior two-year period
- 3 of an in-person or teledentistry examination of the teeth and
- 4 supporting structures of the new patient prior to the licensee
- 5 beginning orthodontic treatment. The required in-person
- 6 examination shall include any appropriate conventional or
- 7 digital radiographs that are necessary to develop a suitable
- 8 orthodontic diagnosis and treatment plan. The bill defines
- 9 "new patient" as a person whom a licensee has not examined,
- 10 for whom a licensee has not provided care, or for whom a
- 11 licensee has not otherwise provided consultation during the
- 12 two-year period immediately prior to the patient's most recent
- 13 appointment.